

the proposal for a road over-bridge in place of the existing level crossing at mile 307/15-16 near Adoni Station, in their Third Five Year Plan. According to the State Government's programme, the work is to be taken up in 1963-64, and the Southern Railway administration will provide funds for Railway's share of cost during that year.

Belgaum Airport

557. **Shri Basappa:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any improvements have been undertaken or contemplated for Belgaum Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mubhiuddin): (a) and (b). The following works were in progress as on 1. March, 1962:—

Name of work	Progress as on 13-62
1. New passengers shed	30% work completed.
2. Strengthening of runway	Work awarded.
3. Residential accommodation.	Work awarded.
4. Wireless Transmitting Station.	Foundation work completed upto ground level.
5. VOR building .	99% completed.
6. Fencing	98% completed
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In addition to the above, provision has been made for the following works for the improvement of Belgaum Airport in the Third Five Year Plan:—

- New apron and taxi track.
- Garages.
- Stores.
- New Terminal building.
- Improvements to water supply.

The total provision in the Third Five Year Plan for the improvement of Belgaum Airport amounts to Rs. 10.10 lakhs.

New Medical Colleges

558. { **Shri Basappa:**
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new medical colleges to be established during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) whether there is any demand for more medical colleges; and

(c) what are the suggestions and views of the Conference of International Agencies, in the matter of starting more medical colleges?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) The Planning Commission have agreed to the establishment of 18 new medical colleges during the Third Five Year Plan period.

(b) Yes.

(c) No specific suggestions in the matter were made at the Conference of International and other Agencies held on the 2nd April, 1962.

Sterilization of Lepers in Delhi

*559. { **Shri Sonavane:**
Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:
Shri Naval Prabhakar:
Shri A. S. Saigal:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme has been prepared by the Delhi Municipal Corporation jointly with the Directorate of Social Welfare to sterilise all male lepers living in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme will be extended to the whole of the country?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). The Delhi Municipal Corporation has not prepared any scheme as such to sterilise lepers in Delhi. The Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi and the Delhi